ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

PUBLIC LIBRARY

OF THE

TOWN OF STONEHAM

1922

Report of Trustees Public Library

To the Citizens of Stoneham:

The annual report of the Trustees is herewith presented.

During the summer the library was closed for five days and the walls and ceilings were refinished so that they present the same pleasing appearance that they had when the library building was opened in 1904. The work was done thoroughly and without mishap and is a credit to the firm that did the work. Some of the furniture needs refinishing to complete the work of renovation.

The library was fortunate in obtaining the usual supply of egg coal early in the summer. The heater appears to be in good condition although we may soon expect to make more than the usual repairs on account of deterioration through years of service.

In general the physical condition of the library and grounds is excellent and speaks well for the care of our janitor.

At the close of the year, our librarian, Miss Crocker, presented her resignation as she found that it was possible for her to complete her work at Simmons College and obtain her degree in one year. The work is now being carried on by the assistant librarian, Miss Howell, together with Miss Donahue, who has had experience in the Woburn Library, and several young women from the High School.

The citizens may justly take pride in a well-kept library. A deference to the rights of those who use the library demands quiet and orderly behavior of all who enter the building. Every courtesy and privilege is to be extended to the patrons but the abuse of the library as a rendezvous for illbred or unthinking young persons must stop. Parents and those in authority can help in this matter.

A partial record of the work of the library follows in the report of the assistant librarian.

The trustees recommend the appropriation of $4,000 and the dog tax for the maintenance of the library and the purchase of books.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. CHASE,
CORA E. DIKE,
GEORGE A. HINCHCLIFFE,
SARAH A. LYNDE,
GEORGE A. PACKARD,
HERBERT H. RICHARDSON,
Trustees of the Public Library.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT FOR 1922

To the Trustees of the Stoneham Public Library:

There were 965 new books and 5 new magazines added by purchase or gift to the Public Library in 1922. Some of these were::

Leacock, My Discovery of England; Van Rensselaer, Manual of Fear; Ranunzio, Soul of an Immigrant; Foster, Adventures of a Tropical Tramp; Stefanssan, The Friendly Arctic; Mirrors of Washington; Mirrors of Downing Street; Day, Alphabets, Old and New; Van Loon, Story of Mankind; World Book (10 vols.).

Wireless Books: Bucher, Practical Wireless Telegraphy; Edelman, Experimental Wireless Stations; Lescarboura, Radio for Everybody.

New magazines added in 1922: Boston University Law Review (gift of Mr. Robert Quimby); Motor, Asia, Photo-Era, Science and Invention.

EXHIBITION

There was an exhibition of some of the new juvenile books held in the Trustees' Room of the Public Library during library hours from December 17 to 23 inclusive. The purpose of this exhibition was to acquaint the parents and teachers with the number and nature of the new books which had been purchased and also to suggest good books for Christmas gifts.

THE CERTIFICATE READING LIST

Fourteen Certificates were given to pupils of the eighth grade and below for reading five books and answering three questions about them. This list of books and the questions were sent from the Division of Public Libraries.

STAFF

Julia L. Crocker, librarian; Mildred Howell, assistant; Isabelle Bronk, Pauline Foss, Ruth Martin, Marion Park, Olive Hutchinson, Dorothy Chase, Marion Saxby, Barbara Baben, High School assistants. Miss Louise Donahue from Woburn assisted through December.

STATISTICS

Total circulation for 1922		31,623
Adult fiction	14,715	
Adult non-fiction	3,028	
Juvenile fiction	9,990	
Juvenile non-fiction	2,307	
Magazines	1,511	
Foreign Books	72	
Total		31,623

Total registration for 1922	1,568
Total volumes in library (estimated)	12,367
Volumes added by purchase	900
Volumes added by gift	65
Magazines added by purchase	4
Magazines added by gift	1
Replacements (adult)	93
Replacements (juvenile)	139
Average number of books circulated per day	101
Number of days library was open	301

Respectfully submitted,

MILDRED HOWELL,

Assistant Librarian.